

November 3, 2021

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Dear Dr. Driscoll:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to The Saban Research Institute, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an excellent program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the strong administrative commitment to the program, evidenced in part by the addition of a full time laboratory animal veterinarian and the construction of a state-of-the-art aquatic animal facility; the excellent communication across key personnel with scheduled timely meetings between the Institutional Official (IO), Attending Veterinarian, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Chair and the IACUC, providing a formal written report to the IO every three months; the extraordinary detail of the IACUC meeting minutes and semiannual evaluation reports; the comprehensive training program, evidenced in part by mandatory participation in the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative Program, multi-level academic and didactic training based on needs, three year mandatory refresher training, and financial and promotional opportunities for animal care staff associated with the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science certification program; the dedicated, knowledgeable and collegial IACUC conducting excellent protocol and program review augmented with timely attention to identified issues; the outstanding documentation in all components of the program with excellent emphasis on animal welfare such as an attachment to the protocol form addressing potential welfare concerns associated with genetically engineered animals; the appearance of healthy animals indicating very good veterinary and technical health oversight; the excellent level of sanitation and husbandry; and the outstanding maintenance of aged facilities. The Council is pleased to inform you that the program conforms with AAALAC International standards as set forth by the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, NRC 2011. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated August 4, 2021 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: enhancing the cage and rack washer safety features and posting enhanced operational safety signage; installing emergency eyewash equipment in the cage wash area and providing training; establishing an anonymous mechanism for reporting animal welfare concerns and increasing the distribution of the posted contact information; reassessing the use of 100% ethanol for surgical instrument sterilization between zebrafish survival surgeries; revising biohazard signage to be consistent with the Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories recommendations; planning to discontinue the use of personal vehicles for the transportation of laboratory animals; and expanding the types of equipment that are included in the verification of sanitation effectiveness monitoring program.

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Council has no further recommendations to offer for improvement of the animal care and use program at this time. We look forward to following your program activities and wish you continued success.

AAALAC International requires an Annual Report detailing changes made during the year in accredited units. In the interim, AAALAC International expects to be apprised in a timely manner of significant programmatic changes or concerns should they occur. Please note that, at your request, AAALAC International will provide your institution with a separate letter simply verifying that your animal care and use program is accredited.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gaylen L. Edwards".

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